

Mark Wetle, of Valley Christian Fellowship, gave the invocation. Mayor David Futcher led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Futcher at 7:08 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance were: Futcher, Malella, Roberson, McDaniel, Myers, Schimmel, and Karnofski.

Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Approve the minutes of the January 5, 2010, Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting yes.

PRESENTATION:

Kelso School District: Dr. Glenys Hill of the Kelso School District introduced Patty Wood, Chairman of the Kelso School Board; Dot Joslin, a representative of the Citizens for Kelso Community Group; and Jim Biver, business manager. Dr. Hill spoke about the upcoming Replacement Levy which will be on the ballot being mailed in about a week. The tax rate for this proposition is approximately \$3.99 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Dr. Hill noted this is the same rate voters approved in 2006. Patty Wood spoke about the levy which will be used for basic education, not for the extra programs. Dot Joslin handed out a brochure titled "Vote Yes for Kelso Kids" and spoke about how important this levy is for the Kelso School District.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG BLOCK GRANT

Mayor David Futcher opened the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. Public Works Director David Sypher said the City has complied with the requirements of this public hearing. Citizens were invited to pick up a copy of the Public Hearing Handout on the back table titled *Community Development Block Grant Program*, available in English and Spanish. The handout explains the program. The purpose of this hearing is to obtain public comments on the application for CDBG funds to complete Phase V of the North Kelso Sewer Replacement Project. The City is proposing to request \$1,000,000 in funding, the maximum amount allowed. The remaining project costs would be provided from the Sewer Capital Fund. Mayor Futcher invited citizens to make comments. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Futcher closed the public hearing at 7:25 p.m. Mayor Futcher said, later on in the meeting, Councilmembers will vote on a resolution which would authorize the City to apply for the CDBG funds.

PUBLIC HEARING – VISION DOCUMENT ADOPTION

Mayor Futcher opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. Community Development Director Michael Kerins said citizens in the City of Kelso were notified through the utility bill mailing of the opportunity to participate in the process of developing a new comprehensive plan for the City. Three workshops were held, with approximately fifty individuals participating in the visioning process. Comments were received and a Vision

Document for the PLAN 2030 was developed and presented at a public open house. The Vision Document is intended to establish the desired end result of the 20-year comprehensive plan that is scheduled to be revised over the next two years. The vision will ensure that participants stay on track while formulating goal and policy language for the new comprehensive plan. Later on in the meeting, Councilmembers will vote on the first reading of an ordinance that would adopt the Vision Document. Mayor Fatcher invited citizens to make comments. There were no comments from the public. Mayor Fatcher closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Liquor License Application:** Splits, 200 Kelso Drive
2. **Liquor License Renewals:** 1) Kelso AM/PM, 1700 Allen Street East; 2) The River Casino, 902 Ash Street
3. **Appointment – Bob Smith to the Park Board, Term to end 12/31/2010**
4. **Skate Park Closeout (Project No. 790606)**
5. **Wallace Contract Extension**
6. **Budgeted Vehicle Purchase**
7. **Auditing of Accounts:** \$1,639,179.79

Councilmember Roberson requested removing #2, The River Casino, which closed in September of 2009, from the consent agenda.

Councilmember Malella requested removing #4, Skate Park Closeout, and #6, Budgeted Vehicle Purchase, from the consent agenda.

Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts in the amount of \$1,639,179.79 and the Consent Agenda, with the removal of The River Casino, Skate Park Closeout, and Budgeted Vehicle Purchase,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Liquor License Renewal - The River Casino, 902 Ash Street: Mayor Fatcher questioned why the casino would want a liquor license since the business is closed. Finance Director/City Clerk Brian Butterfield said they come up on an automatic renewal by the Liquor Control Board. Discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Deny the liquor license renewal for The River Casino.' Further discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Skate Park Closeout (Project No. 790606) \$19,550.98: Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, 'Approve the closeout of the skate park.' Councilmember Malella inquired about the temporary construction tent in the amount of \$7,089.85. Public Works Director Sypher said it was under the direction of the engineer that was on site. Working in and around the tent cost

a considerable amount of time and energy. Without the use of the tent, the project would have been delayed until spring. Discussion followed. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Budgeted Vehicle Purchase – 2010 Chevrolet Colorado Pickup (Base price of \$15,028.00) and 2010 Ford F150 4x4 Pickup (Base price of \$21,047.00): Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, ‘**Approve the purchase of the two pickups.**’ A short discussion followed. Upon motion by Councilmember Malella, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Table the item for future consideration.’ Attorney Janean Parker advised the motion to table takes precedence. It can be removed from the table at the next meeting and the motion will be made and seconded as it was in this meeting. Mayor Fatcher asked all Councilmembers in favor of tabling this for future consideration to raise their hands. Councilmembers Karnofski, Roberson, and Malella voted yes. Councilmember Myers, McDaniel, Schimmel, and Fatcher voted no. Motion failed 3 to 4. **Mayor Fatcher asked Councilmembers to continue with the existing motion which is to approve the purchase of the two pickups.** Public Works Director Sypher gave some additional information about these vehicle purchases. Lengthy discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Schimmel, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Fatcher voted yes. Councilmember Malella voted no. **Motion passed 6 to 1.**

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Mayor Fatcher, asked Councilmembers if they would like to talk about the options that were discussed in the Special Council Workshop that was held earlier in the evening concerning the West Main Street Realignment Project. Upon motion by Councilmember Schimmel, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, ‘Move forward with Option 3A.’ Discussion followed about the possibility of having a workshop to look at the three new options that were discussed at the workshop. Further discussion followed. Councilmember Schimmel voted yes. Councilmembers Malella, Karnofski, Myers, McDaniel, Roberson, and Fatcher voted no. Motion failed 1 to 6. **Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, ‘Eliminate Options 1A, 2A, 1, and 2.’** Discussion followed. Councilmembers Karnofski, Myers, Schimmel, and McDaniel voted yes. Councilmembers Malella, Roberson, and Fatcher voted no. **Motion passed 4 to 3.** Mayor Fatcher said a workshop will be scheduled to focus on Options 3 and 3A. Discussion followed.

MOTION ITEMS:

Ordinance (1st Reading) – Vision Document: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, ‘Pass on 1st Reading, ‘AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO ADOPTING A VISION DOCUMENT TO ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION

AND DIRECTION FOR A NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 10-3723 – Street Vacation of Undeveloped Street Portion of Parrott Way: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 10-3723, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO VACATING A PORTION OF PARROTT WAY WHICH HAS BEEN ABANDONED.' Councilmember Malella asked if this ordinance has anything to do with Life Flight. Public Works Director Sypher said it deals with public right-of-way. This would give flexibility to any air ambulance that would locate in our FAA-approved location. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Ordinance No. 10-3724 - 2010 Budget Amendment #2: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 10-3724, 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KELSO AMENDING THE 2010 BUDGET TO REFLECT REVENUES AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COVER EXPENDITURES OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ANTICIPATED AT THE TIME SAID BUDGET WAS ADOPTED.' Mayor Fatcher said Kelso was awarded a Neighborhood Stabilization Grant from the Department of HUD in 2009. This revision will authorize staff to spend the grant funds. Motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 10-1013 – Community Development Block Grant: The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember McDaniel, seconded by Councilmember Myers, 'Pass Resolution No. 10-1013, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KELSO AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR CDBG FUNDS,' motion carried, all voting yes.

Resolution No. 10-1014 – Declaring Vehicles Surplus (1993 Chevrolet Pickup, 2001 GMC Sonoma Pickup, and 2001 Chevrolet Pickup): The Deputy City Clerk read the proposed resolution by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Karnofski, seconded by Councilmember Schimmel, 'Pass Resolution No. 10-1014, 'A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF KELSO, WASHINGTON, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF KELSO TO BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THE DISPOSITION THEREOF.' A short discussion followed about the 1993 Chevrolet Pickup. Public Works Director Sypher said this vehicle came from the Water Treatment Plant. An offer of \$400 has been received. Motion carried, all voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dennis Richards: 1) It has been fun watching the work that is being done at Tam O'Shanter Park concerning the Girls' Softball Association. They have been working hard on the bleachers and dugouts. The man who donated the money is seeing his dream

come true. Tournaments will begin in early March. 2) Brian Butterfield and I attended the Washington Cities Insurance Authority meeting in Seattle on Friday. We are required to attend one meeting a year. 3) We are in process of updating our website. 4) Team Kelso is planning another fundraiser to benefit students at Barnes School.

STAFF REPORTS:

Janean Parker: No report

David Sypher: 1) At a Council meeting a few weeks ago, we discussed our water projects—both our reservoir and our urgent project list for waterlines. The total project cost will be around six million dollars. We have been notified by the Department of Health that they will have six million dollars available; however, they did not guarantee Kelso would get the grant. 2) Each year we put out a document to show our plans for the year and report on the accomplishments for the last year. I hope to bring this information to the next Council meeting. 3) No Requests for Proposals for the air ambulance have been received; however, Fire Chief Dave LaFave will bring a proposal to Council within the next two weeks. 4) We applied for a quarter million dollars for some turn-back streets (streets given to us by the State) that need repaired. We have been told we will receive a grant.

Michael Kerins: Tomorrow night we will hold the first workshop on the Land Use element portion of the Comprehensive Plan. This will take around five months to complete and eight individuals are participating. Workshops on the housing element will also be held. The Comprehensive Plan has nine elements and it will take over two years to complete the process.

Andrew Hamilton: 1) Officers have been dealing with wind and power issues the past few days during the recent storms. 2) We are working on a presentation and end-of-year report to bring to Council. 3) Captain Kirk attended the funeral of a Grant County Deputy. 4) Our staffing issues remain the same with three on light duty and one unfilled position. 5) The Citizens' Police Academy will begin March 10th. This is a joint venture between the Longview Police Department, Cowlitz County Sheriff's Department, and the Kelso Police Department. Citizens can pick up an application at any one of the three agencies. Discussion followed.

Brian Butterfield: No report

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Gary Schimmel: No report

Rick Roberson: No report

Gerald Malella: We have our Catlin Hall back from the City of Longview and it is being turned into a Senior Center. Kathleen Johnson and her husband are doing a lot of work. They are trying to get their status as a non-profit organization. If they do, Lowes might provide a new kitchen, bathroom, and possibly a new roof and paint.

Todd McDaniel: No report

Dan Myers: No report

John Karnofski: No report

David Fatcher: We might be receiving more funds for the renovations for both fields at Tam O'Shanter Park. It will be a nice improvement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Council convened into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. It will take approximately ten to fifteen minutes. No action will be taken. At 8:38 p.m. the Council reconvened into Regular Session.

There being no further business, Mayor Fatcher adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.



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